

REMARKS

Claims 20, 21, 24-28, 30-39, and 55-95 are pending, with claims 20, 67, and 81 being independent. No claims have been amended.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for reconsideration of Applicant's response filed August 2, 2005 ("August 2, 2005 Response") as set forth at point 11 of the Advisory Action.¹ For the following reasons, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of this application.

Independent Claim 20 and Its Dependent Claims

With respect to independent claim 20, neither the Final Office Action nor the Advisory Action demonstrates disclosure or suggestion by Cohen of at least "authenticating the intermediary to the secured service, responsive to [a] request" by a client for access to the secured service, and "enabling access by the client to the secured service conditioned on whether the intermediary is successfully authenticated to the secured service." Moreover, the references cited for the first time in the Advisory Action have not been relied upon, nor are they believed to, disclose these features of claim 20. Therefore, claim 20, and its dependent claims, are patentable over the art of record for the reasons articulated in the August 2, 2005 Response.

Independent Claim 67 and Its Dependent Claims

With respect to independent claim 67, neither the Final Office Action nor the Advisory Action demonstrates disclosure or suggestion by Cohen of at least "receiving, from the intermediary, constrained authorization information that has been authenticated by the secured service, responsive to the client request" and "submitting, by the client, the constrained authorization information to the secured service to establish a direct authenticated connection between the client and the secured service independent of the authenticated connection between

¹ Although point 7 of the Advisory Action indicates entry of the proposed amendment for purposes of appeal, Applicant respectfully points out that no amendment was made in the August 2005 Response.

the client and the intermediary.” Moreover, the references cited for the first time in the Advisory Action have not been relied upon, nor are they believed to, disclose these features of claim 67.

In addition, the Examiner's explanation “client-server communications were also conventional and well known, thus the name client-server architecture, because client stations accessed a server via a network without the use of an intermediary” is not sufficient documentary evidence to support the taking of Official Notice that “the use of client-server communications independent of an intermediary was conventional and well known.” Applicant respectfully notes that the Advisory Action also fails to address Applicant's argument that the features that are the subject of the Official Notice fail to meet the recited features of claim 67 for which Cohen is deficient.

For at least these reasons and the reasons set forth in the August 2, 2005 Response, claim 67, and its dependent claims, are patentable over the art of record.

Independent Claim 81 and Its Dependent Claims

With respect to claim 81, neither the Final Office Action nor the Advisory Action demonstrates disclosure or suggestion by Cohen of at least “determining whether a trusted relationship exists between the secured service and the intermediary, responsive to the client request,” and “conditioned on the existence of a trusted relationship between the secured service and the intermediary, enabling access by the client to the secured service.” Moreover, the references cited for the first time in the Advisory Action have not been relied upon, nor are they believed to, disclose these features of claim 81.

In addition, the Advisory Action purports to identify documentary evidence to support the taking of Official Notice “that the use of ‘trusted connections’ was conventional and well known.” Without taking any position on whether this reference is sufficient evidence of the features for which Official Notice was taken, Applicant notes that the Advisory Action fails to address Applicant's argument that the features that are subject of the Official Notice fail to meet the recited features of claim 81 for which Cohen is deficient.

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For at least these reasons and the reasons set forth in the August 2, 2005 Response, claim 81, and its dependent claims, are patentable over the art of record.

Other Official Notice

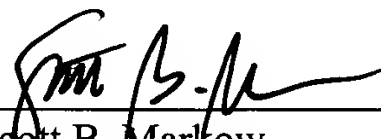
With respect to dependent claims 35-37, 55, 56, 66, 73, 79, 80, 84, 87-90, and 95, the Advisory Action identifies evidence of features for which the Examiner previously took Official Notice. Without taking any position on whether this evidence is sufficient to support the taking of Official Notice, Applicant respectfully notes that the Advisory Action fails to address Applicant's argument that no motivation or suggestion has been provided for making the proposed modifications to Cohen based on the features for which Official Notice has been taken.

For at least the foregoing reasons, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of this application.

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